

FISCAL NOTE

HB 771 - SB 1657

March 30, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to develop a uniform Tennessee "do not resuscitate" bracelet and necklace program in which the Department shall issue, or approve, such bracelets and necklaces to any adult person who is capable of making an informed decision and otherwise complies with the rules and regulations of the program as established by the department.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health would develop and maintain a database for verification with 24 hours a day, seven days a week access in order for health care personnel to verify the presence of a DNR order for the individual wearing the bracelet or necklace.
- It is estimated that the cost of such a program would exceed \$100,000 in state expenditures. This includes, but is not limited to, costs for computer equipment, an ITPRO contract for computer program development, communication costs associated with data lines and information security.
- Additional staff may be needed to administer the program coordinate the submission of physician orders and keep the database current.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director